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NOTICE1

In the Matter of the Proposed Amendment to N.J.A.C. 14:3-8 to Consider the Impact of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 on Main Extensions - Docket No. AX19050615

Request for Comments - August 2, 2019

The Staff of the Board of Public Utilities (BPU or Board) invites all interested parties and members of the public to submit written comments regarding modifications to the BPU's main extension rules pertaining to amendments necessitated by the federal Tax Cuts and Jobs Act signed into law on December 22, 2017 (2017 Act) to the provisions addressing the costs of extensions.

The 2017 Act sets forth changes to the federal Internal Revenue Tax Code, one of which provides that Contributions in Aid of Construction (CIAC) for water and wastewater (sewer) main extensions are taxable for federal income tax (FIT) purposes. Previously, only CIAC for natural gas and electric mains were taxable. The Board's existing main extension rules refer to a template that is located on the Board's website for use in calculating CIAC-related FIT as it applies to electric and natural gas main extensions. BPU Staff seeks stakeholder input on the appropriateness of implementing a template similar to that utilized by the electric and natural gas companies for water and wastewater (sewer) main extensions, as well as other changes necessitated by the 2017 Act.

Written comments must be submitted to Aida Camacho-Welch, Board Secretary, New Jersey Board of Public Utilities, 44 South Clinton Avenue, 3rd Floor, Suite 314, Post Office Box 350, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0350, by August 2, 2019. Written comments may also be submitted electronically to board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov in PDF or Word Format. All comments must reference the above caption and docket number. All comments must be received on or before 5:00 p.m. on August 2, 2019.

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